

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to clarify the references to the various views of the drawings and to reference the new Fig. 7, which has been supplied in connection with claim 12. Applicant has correspondingly amended the drawings to show section reference 4B-4B in Fig. 4A and to show section lines 5A-5A and 5B-5B in Fig. 3B.

Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application. The Examiner has already indicated that claims 1-11 and 13-15 are allowable, and Applicant respectfully submits that claim 12 should also be allowed now that Applicant has amended the drawings to include Fig. 7. Claims 16-20 have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing the same in a continuing application in view of the Examiner's restriction requirement in order to hasten the issuance of claims 1-15.

The foregoing amendments involve no new matter.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests prompt issuance of claims 1-15.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. However, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 502248.

Respectfully submitted,

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